
COMPACT ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 28, 2018

THE FOLLOWING 2018 NON-TREATY FALL FISHERIES WERE SET:

<i>2018 Non-Treaty Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Fishery</i>	
Season:	10 PM Wednesday August 29 to 5 AM Thursday August 30 7 hours
Area:	Zones 4-5. The deadline at the lower end of Zone 4 is defined as a straight line projected from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore easterly through the green navigation Buoy #1 and continuing to the Washington shore.
Sanctuaries:	Washougal and Sandy rivers.
Gear:	Drift gillnets only. 9-inch minimum mesh size restriction. Multiple net rule NOT in effect, which means nets not authorized for this fishery may not be onboard. Lighted buoys required.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon, shad, and white sturgeon. A maximum of 7 white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). This white sturgeon possession and sales limit applies to mainstem fisheries only.
Additional Rules:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.

<i>2018 Sturgeon Recreational Fishery for Above Wauna</i>	
Season:	Saturday September 15 and Saturday September 22 2 days
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam, and all adjacent Washington tributaries
Allowable Catch:	Up to 1,230 white sturgeon Legal size: 44-inch minimum and 50-inch maximum fork length (Fork length is measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the fork in the caudal fin (tail) with the fish laying on its side on a flat surface, with the tape measure/ruler positioned flat <u>under</u> the fish) Daily bag limit: One fish Annual bag limit: Two fish Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited

FUTURE MEETINGS

A Compact hearing is scheduled for 2 PM Thursday September 6 via teleconference to consider additional treaty commercial gillnet openings. The Joint Staff will monitor the non-Treaty commercial fishery and recommend additional hearings as needed.